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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Georges Marcel Victor Thielen, et al. )  
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT )  
COMPRISED OF RUBBER COMPOSITE )  
OF STYRENE/BUTADIENE ELASTOMER )  
CONTAINING PENDENT SILANOL )  
AND/OR SILOXY GROUPS )  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Official Action dated September 6, 2005, please make the following amendments in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the Applicants' invention.